



News Release

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RNAO shines Best-Practice Spotlight on West Park Healthcare Centre

Toronto – Three years ago, West Park Healthcare Centre was selected by the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario to be one of nine organizations within the country to champion the implementation of clinical best practice guidelines. Last week at its annual general meeting, the RNAO acknowledged the centre's achievements in communicating and implementing those guidelines by formally naming West Park a Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO), with the right to use the new BPSO logo on letterhead, news releases, publications and websites.

"The new logo is the RNAO's seal of approval for organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to evidence-based practice and implementation of the guidelines in the workplace," says Doris Grinspun, Executive Director of the RNAO. "The designation also provides formal recognition for the commendable commitment and pioneering work of the BPSOs and their nurses to build awareness about evidence-based practice through publications and presentations. Patients can take confidence knowing that a BPSO has excellence in nursing care at the forefront of its activity."

West Park Healthcare Centre is one of the original nine organizations from across the country that partnered with the RNAO that will now be formally designated as a "Best Practice Spotlight Organization" (BPSO).

"As a BPSO, West Park is part of an expert and passionate network of health-care organizations that has formally partnered with the RNAO to systematically implement best practice guidelines and evaluate their impact on clinical/health outcomes for patients, organizational and system outcomes and cost effectiveness," says Anne-Marie Malek, the centre's President & CEO. "The RNAO has recognized BPSOs as groundbreaking practice sites dedicated to raising the bar in evidence-based nursing practice by using RNAO guidelines in day-to-day patient care."

"At West Park, we have seen significant improvements in patient satisfaction related to autonomy and respect for personal and physical privacy due to use of best practice guidelines. There have also been significant improvements in the assessment and management of pressure ulcers, a reduction in the number of patient falls and fall injuries,



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better assessment and management of patients' pain, and improvements in continence that have enhanced patients' clinical outcomes and quality of life."

The new logo – a ray of light shining across a book – is an icon for the “spotlight on knowledge” West Park and its sister organizations represents.

The designated BPSOs are: Hôpital Charles leMoine, Greenfield Park, Quebec; Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital, Sudbury, Ontario; McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Quebec; Niagara Health System, St. Catharines, Ontario; Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario; Saint Elizabeth Health Care, Markham, Ontario; University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario; VON Canada, Ottawa, Ontario; West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto, Ontario

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